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REF : A. ROBERTS TO RYDLUN LETTER OF NOV. 6, 1975
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1. AS DESCRIBED REF A EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM EMIR OF KATSINA, DISTINGUISHED TRADITIONAL LEADER, TO FIND SUPPLIER OF LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAIN MAIL SUCH AS HE HAS SEEN IN MOVIES. EMIR'S GUARDS REQUIRE CHAIN MAIL FOR TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES SEVERAL TIMES EACH YEAR.
2. UNFORTUNATELY NO PHOTOS EXIST OF PRESENT CHAIN MAIL, BUT IT CONSISTS OF THIGH-LENGTH METAL GARMENT DESIGNED AS SWEATER OR JACKET WITH THREE-QUARTER LENGTH SLEEVES. MESH IS SIMILAR TO CHAIN LINK FENCING WITH OPENINGS APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH BY ONE-HALF INCH. NEED TWELVE SETS.
3. HAVE SUBMITTED TOPS (REF B) AND WRITTEN TO JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, NYC. ASKED VALENTI TO PROVIDE US WITH NAMES OF SOME COMPANIES WHICH SUPPLY FILM INDUSTRY WITH CHAIN MAIL OR NAMES OF THOSE FILM COMPANIES WHICH HAVE INVENTORIES OF CHAIN MAIL WHICH THEY MIGHT WISH TO SELL. SINCE REF A WRITTEN HAVE LEARNED EMIR INCREASINGLY ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN NEW CHAIN MAIL. REALIZE THIS REQUEST UNUSUAL BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE.

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